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## Literacy report launched

—by *Vikki Jo Stewart*  
*Literacy Program Director*

On September 8, 2000, the National Coalition for Literacy released a long anticipated call to action for adult literacy entitled "From the Margins to the Mainstream: An Action Agenda for Literacy." The report was launched during a luncheon on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC, which was attended by over 125 Members of Congress, congressional staff, literacy leaders, researchers, practitioners, and adult learners.

The report recommends that the adult education, literacy, and language system work toward the following goal:

By 2010, a system of high quality adult literacy, language, and lifelong learning services will help adults in every community make

measurable gains toward achieving their goals as family members, workers, citizens, and lifelong learners.

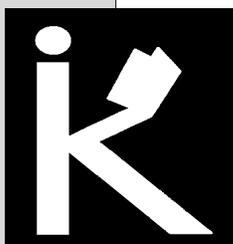
According to the report, this goal can be achieved by focusing on three priority areas: resources, access, and quality. The report further describes the outcomes of achieving the overall goal through additional resources, enhanced access, and improved quality.

The report makes a number of recommendations on how the field, policy makers, business leaders, and other partners can work together to achieve the goal. While some of the recommendations sound familiar, there is a new call to action in the areas of federal and state funding. Among the more provocative funding recommendations, the report calls on policy makers to:

- Appropriate \$1 billion annually of federal funds for the adult education, language, and literacy system.
- Require every state legislature to appropriate for adult education a cash amount that equals at least 50 percent of the federal funds the state receives for adult education.

The report represents the culmination of a year-long process that began with the National Literacy Summit 2000, held in Washington, DC, in February. At that Summit, 150 participants began to craft an action agenda to move adult literacy forward in the 21st century. Since February, over 30 regional and local meetings were held to provide feedback and refine the recommendations contained in the draft agenda. In addition to these meetings, many individuals from across the country provided their feedback to the process.

NOTE: I attended the Summit. If you would like a copy of the report, please call 800/228-8813 or visit [www.nifl.gov/coalition/nclhome.htm](http://www.nifl.gov/coalition/nclhome.htm).

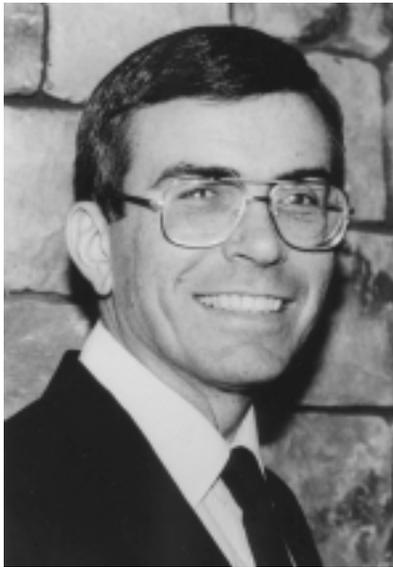


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## 2000 White award luncheon announcement

The 2000 William Allen White Children's Book Award Luncheon will be held in the Arena in the Bicentennial Center in Salina, Kansas, on Saturday, November 11, at 12 noon. The Kansas Library Association will host the 2000 White Award luncheon. The forty-eighth annual White Award medal will be presented to P. J. Petersen for his book, *White Water*, which is the winner of the 2000 White Award.



*P.J. Petersen*

Reservation forms for the luncheon are available from Mary E. Bogan, Executive Secretary, White Award Program, William Allen White Library, Box 4051, Emporia, KS 66801-5092, telephone 316/341-5037 or 5038, e-mail boganmar@emporia.edu, fax 316/341-5997. Adult tickets will be \$13. Tickets are \$11 for boys and girls through the ninth grade. The deadline for reservations is October 27. Early reservations are recommended.

There will be a sale of P. J. Petersen's books by the Friends of the William Allen White Book Award Board and autographing sessions on November 11 from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. and immediately following the luncheon. There will be a limit of one book which will be autographed for each person.

The White Award, which was the first statewide reader's choice award, is directed by Emporia State University. The award program is supported in part by the Trusler Foundation.

More than 46,000 children in the fourth through eighth grades in Kansas schools participated in the voting for this year's award. Since 1952, when the White Award was established, more than 2,608,000 votes have been cast by the children of Kansas to select the annual winner of the William Allen White Children's Book Award. In that year, the White Award Program was founded by Ruth Garver Gagliardo, a specialist in children's literature, to honor the memory of one of the state's most distinguished citizens by encouraging the boys and girls of Kansas to read and enjoy good books.

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# Catalyst

—by Eric Hansen  
 Executive Director  
 Kansas Library Network Board

**Focus on Mona Carmack**

Each month I use this column to spread the word about what the Network Board and I are doing. Beginning with this issue, I'll include a feature about an individual board member each month, so everyone will know who the board is as well as what it does.

Mona Carmack is the Chair of the Kansas Library Network Board. She earned a B.S. in elementary education at Northern State College, Aberdeen, South Dakota, and an M.S.L. in Librarianship from Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan. Before becoming the County Librarian for Johnson County,



*Mona Carmack*

she served as Head Librarian at the Brookings Public Library, Brookings, South Dakota, as Director of the Ames Public Library, Ames, Iowa, and as Director of the Great River Regional Library, St. Cloud, Minnesota. She has served on a number of committees for the Kansas Library Association, Northeast Kansas Library System, Kansas City Metropolitan Library Network, and for the American Library Association.

She is presently the Vice Chair of the State Education Technology-Based Network Task Force, to which she was appointed by Governor Bill Graves. In her spare time Mona enjoys sewing, photography, travel, and local and Western history.

About the Network Board, Mona says "My goal for the KLN Board this year is to position the board in a way that actually shapes and influences the delivery of cooperative library services to the libraries of Kansas."

**Courier Update**

The courier contract negotiation committee met on September 20 to discuss and critique the five vendor proposals received. I consolidated all comments and forwarded them to our representative at the Kansas Division of Purchases to be sent to the vendors. I will furnish more information as it comes to me.

*For more about Blue Skyways, the ILDP, or any other Network Board initiative, contact Eric Hansen, KLN Board Executive Director, at 785/296-3875 (erich@ink.org).*

## Grant finding resources available at State Library

—by Marc Galbraith  
Reference Division, Kansas State Library

\$\$\$ Finding grant funds can be quite rewarding, but also frustrating. The State Library offers help by providing resources such as these.... \$\$\$

The Foundation Center's *Foundation Directory On-line*. The on-line directory offers multifaceted searching by foundation name, state, city, area of need; such as aging, agriculture, delinquency, neighborhoods or the arts and by type of financial support offered. *Foundation Directory On-line* also offers a weekly *RFP Bulletin*, *Philanthropy News Digest*, a search interface to the web pages of over 1,500 U.S. grant makers and an index to basic information on over 57,000 foundations.

The *Foundation Directory On-line* is available for use via any one of the State Library's public access computers.

The State Library also provides these weekly grant alerts:

*Federal Assistance Monitor*—a semimonthly report on federal and private grant opportunities.

*Family Services Report*—a periodic alert service focusing on federal, state and private grant funding in welfare reform, housing, job training, child care and domestic violence.

*Aging News Alert*—a public and private funding report focusing on senior health, shelter, long term care, and much more.

Each of the above news alert services is a printed service available at the State Library.

And check out these "how to" guides to grant funding:

*The Complete Book of Model Fund-Raising Letters*, by Roland Kuniholm (808.0663 Kun)

*The Grass Roots Fundraising Book*, by Joan Flanagan (061.5 Fla)

*Grant Writing: Strategies for Developing Winning Proposals*, by Patrick Miller (on order)

*The How To Grants Manual*, by David Bauer (061.5 Bau)

*I'll Grant You That: A Step-By Step Guide to Finding Funds, Designing...* by Jim Burke (on order)

*Plain Talk About Grants*, by Robert Geller (061.5 Gel)

Questions can be directed to Marc Galbraith (marcg@ink.org), Cindy Roupe (cindyr@ink.org) or Rita Troxel 785/296-3296.

## Friends of the Olathe Public Library book sale

The Friends of the Olathe Public Library is sponsoring a book sale in October. The sale is to occur at the Center of Grace (formerly Grace United Methodist Church) at 520 S. Harrison, Olathe, in the gymnasium behind the church.

The preview sale will occur on Thursday, October 12 from 5:00-8:30 p.m., with memberships available at the door. The sale will continue Friday, October 13, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Saturday, October 14, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., and Sunday, October 15, from 1:00-5:00 p.m. On Sunday only, \$2.00 will buy a bag of books.

For more information, contact the Olathe Public Library at 913/764-2259.

### An invitation

**Do you have news items of interest to other librarians? An especially successful program or grant project, for instance? Let us know so that we can tell your colleagues in *Kansas Libraries*.**

## **Opportunity: New concept in library service**

An excellent opportunity exists to spearhead a new concept in library service.

The Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Schlagle Environmental Library and Learning Center currently is slated to open in February 2001. Located in the beautiful setting of Wyandotte County Lake Park, the center will combine environmental research, reference and educational opportunities for teachers, students, and the public-at-large.

• **MANAGER AND RESEARCH SPECIALIST:** Manages the day-to-day operations of the facility including setting goals and objectives, overseeing the budget, and supervising personnel and volunteers. Develops a program of environmental research/reference through the use of technology. Ability to work closely with school and community groups maintaining an active community presence. An ALA-accredited MLS required. Supervisory experience preferred. Previous grant or proposal writing experience beneficial. Salary range: \$29,000.00-\$43,000.00. Expected hiring range: \$29,000.00-\$35,000.00. Excellent benefits package. Submission of cover letter, resume and 3 professional references required.

• **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM SPECIALIST:** Assists Manager in facility operations. Develops educational and training programs offered at the center. Maintains lab facilities and equipment. Works closely with school and community groups, maintaining an active role in the community. Bachelor's degree with emphasis in Science and a valid Kansas Teaching Certificate required. Previous grant or proposal writing experience beneficial. Salary range: \$25,500.00-\$39,500.00. Expected hiring range: \$28,500.00-\$32,000.00. Excellent benefits package. Submission of cover letter, resume and 3 professional references required.

Inquiries and submissions may be sent to: Tammie Sharp, Personnel Coordinator, Kansas City, Kansas Public Library, 625 Minnesota Avenue, KCK 66101, phone 913/279-2256.

Submissions accepted until positions filled. EOE.

Web site: [www.kckpl.lib.ks.us](http://www.kckpl.lib.ks.us). The Mr. & Mrs. F. L. Schlagle Environmental Library and Learning Center is a joint project of the Kansas City, Kansas Public School District, the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/KCK, the Kansas City, Kansas Park Foundation Board, and the Kansas City, Kansas Public Library System.

## Two new libraries open in Johnson County

The Johnson County Library opened two new libraries over the summer.

The new 24,000-sq. ft. Blue Valley Library replaced a 4,011-sq. ft. branch, to become the largest branch in the Johnson County Library system.



*Blue Valley Library*

The new library has a drive up service window and a coffee cafe (operated by an outside vendor). The extended hours at the new Blue Valley Library make it one of the two libraries in the Kansas City metro area (both in the Johnson County Library system) open on Friday evenings. A time capsule, scheduled to be opened in 2030, was buried during the grand opening celebration.

The Edgerton Library opened in a renovated 1906 bank building. The historic building was restored by the City of Edgerton through city funds, private contri-



*Edgerton Library*

butions and community development block grant funds and is being leased to the Johnson County Library. Previously, the Johnson County Library provided service to the rural Johnson County community of about 1,200 through a deposit collection at the City Hall and outreach services.

## Upcoming book sales

The Johnson County Library and the Friends of the Library are cosponsoring two upcoming book sales:

### 2000 Fall Book Sale

Thursday, Oct. 12	5-8:30pm
Friday, Oct. 13	10am-5:30pm
Saturday, Oct. 14	11am-3pm

The sale will be held in the meeting room of the Antioch Library, 8700 Shawnee Mission Parkway, Merriam, KS. Selections will include hardback and paperback fiction books, cookbooks, reference materials, religion, self-help and family life. Pocket-sized paperbacks will be 50 cents each; hardbacks and oversized paperbacks \$1 each; some reference materials specially priced. All sales are final. Checks accepted with current identification. For more information, call 913/261-2330.

### Holiday Book Sale

Thursday, Nov. 16	5-8:30pm
Friday, Nov. 17	10am-5:30pm
Saturday, Nov. 18	11am-3pm

This sale will be held in the meeting room of the Antioch Library, 8700 Shawnee Mission Parkway, Merriam, KS. Get a jump on your holiday gift shopping! Reference and gift books from a variety of categories. All sales are final. Checks accepted with current identification. For more information, call 913/261-2330.

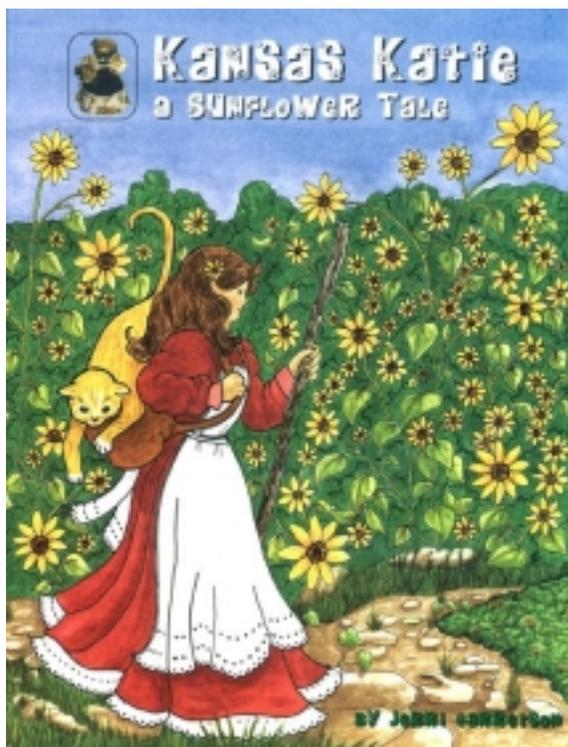


*Check out the Topeka libraries online  
"ATLAS" catalog at:  
<http://lib.wuacc.edu/>*

## Kansas books

—by Roy Bird  
Library Consultant

*Kansas Katie: A Sunflower Tale*, by Jerri Garretson. Order from Ravenstone Press, PO Box 1791, Manhattan, KS 66505-1791, 785/776-0556, raven@interkan.net. 48 pp., 8 1/2 x 11 softcover, ISBN 0-9659712-3-6. September, 2000. \$6.95.



From the author who brought us *Johnny Kaw: The Pioneer Spirit of Kansas*, *Izzie: Growing Up On the Plains in the 1880s*, and the delightful young adult novel, *Imagicat*, comes a new offering sure to appeal to younger readers and delight teachers and librarians anxious to find more publications about Kansas when doing Kansas studies sections or for that elusive Kansas Day program. Jerri Garretson has developed a well-earned reputation as an author of Kansas books for young readers in the last couple of years. With her newest book, Jerri fills several very real needs.

*Kansas Katie: A Sunflower Tale* is similar to *Johnny Kaw*. It is the story of a larger than life character that adds to the imaginative lore of Kansas. While more of this type of work is always welcome, Jerri also introduces a feminine version of the heroic, larger-than-life

Paul Bunyanesque character. *Kansas Katie* is not as roughhewn as *Johnny Kaw*—she is feminine, yet strong, full of the endurance of the pioneer, while able to relate to kittens and flowers, the type of woman who settled the prairies and plains of our state.

With this book we are also introduced to a new talent of Jerri's. She not only wrote the story, she is also the illustrator. Although the cover is in color, the interior pages are line drawings suitable for very young children to color themselves. The book even includes a song, "Home on Kansas Katie's Range," (sung to the tune of "Home on the Range"), a short bibliography about sunflowers, a recipe for Kansas Katie's cookies and a chance to acquire a Kansas Katie doll created by Manhattan dollmaker Gayla Brown. Recommended for elementary school library media centers and public library children's sections.

# Kansas libraries.... thirty years ago

—by Bill Sowers  
Kansas Documents Librarian/Tech Services Librarian

## Gleanings from Kansas Library Bulletin, Vol. 39, no.2 (1970)

- On November 12, 1970, the Topeka Public Library will be 100 years old. A birthday celebration is planned with assistance from the newly formed Friends Group of the library as well as the Shawnee County Historical Society.
- Junior college libraries in southeast Kansas have been designated by the State Library Advisory Commission as members of the Southeast Kansas Library System.

- Mrs. Alice Henline has resigned as library director at Anthony Public Library. Mrs. Mary Smith has been appointed to replace her.
- The State Library of Kansas has added a new division. The Division of Library Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped has been in the planning stages for several months. Mrs. Ellen Zabel assumed the position as Director of the new division on July 15, 1970. Approximately 7,000 talking books and 200 tapes have been received from the Library of Congress.



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